



City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department

STAFF REPORT

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Scott Hess, AICP, Director of Planning and Building
BY: Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide *HB*
DATE: August 9, 2011

SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 11-002 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12)

APPLICANT: City of Huntington Beach, Public Works Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

PROPERTY OWNER: City of Huntington Beach, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

LOCATION: Citywide

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

- ♦ General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 request:
 - Evaluate Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2011/12 for compliance with the General Plan.
- ♦ Staff's Recommendation: Approve General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 based upon the following:
 - The proposed projects conform to the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to:

“Adopt Resolution No. 1655, approving General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 with findings (Attachment Nos. 1 and 2).”

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The Planning Commission may take alternative actions such as:

- A. “Deny General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 with findings for denial.”
- B. “Continue General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 and direct staff accordingly.”

PROJECT PROPOSAL:

General Plan Conformance No.11-002 represents a request, pursuant to Section 65401 of the California Government Code, by the City of Huntington Beach to determine if the 2011/12 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The 2011/12 CIP is a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the next fiscal year.

ISSUES:

General Plan Conformance:

The only issue to consider as part of this request is if the proposed CIP for fiscal year 2011/12 is in conformance to the City's General Plan. The CIP conforms to the following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan:

I. FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. City Hall ADA Improvements Phase 2
*Improvements to the Levels 1 through 5 to provide a greater level of ADA accessibility.
Per the citywide ADA Survey and Transition Plan.*

B. General Plan Policies:

LU 13.1.1 Allow for the continuation of existing public and private institutional, cultural, educational, and health uses at their present locations and development of new uses in areas designated on the Land Use Plan Map in accordance with Policy 7.1.1.

PF 6.1.3 Maintain or improve the governmental facilities and services in order to meet the adopted levels of service and standards established in the Growth Management Element.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. Arterial Rehabilitation
Annual maintenance program of arterial streets based on the City's Pavement Management Plan.
2. Golden View School Safe Routes to School
Installation of curb ramps, upgrade to warning signs and striping.

3. Goldenwest Street, Talbert Avenue, and Warner Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization
Provide communication and operational upgrades for greater system reliability to improve flows and minimize delays.

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CE 1.2.1 Enhance circulation system standards for roadway and intersection classifications, right-of-way width, pavement width, design speed, capacity and associated features such as medians and bicycle lanes.

CE 1.2.3 Maintain primary truck routes that sustain an effective transport of commodities while mitigating the negative impacts on local circulation and on noise sensitive land.

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The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) ensures that City facilities continue to be adequately accessible in order to provide services to residents and visitors. The CIP ensures that an adequate amount of new circulation and access improvements are developed and maintained to support existing and future development. Capital improvements maintain an integral circulation infrastructure allowing the movement of people and goods throughout the City.

Zoning Compliance: Not applicable.

Urban Design Guidelines Conformance: Not applicable.

Environmental Status:

The General Plan conformance review is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act, which states that information collection which does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource is exempt from any environmental review.

Coastal Status: Not applicable.

Redevelopment Status: Not applicable.

Design Review Board: Not applicable.

Subdivision Committee: Not applicable.

Other Departments Concerns and Requirements:

The Public Works Department, acting as applicant for General Plan Conformance No. 11-002, has reviewed and is processing the Capital Improvement Program request through the City Council. There are no concerns from other departments.

Public Notification:

General Plan Conformances are non-public hearing items and do not require legal notification.

Application Processing Dates:

DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION:

July 5, 2011

MANDATORY PROCESSING DATE(S):

August 13, 2011 (within 40 days of submittal)

ANALYSIS:

The Government Code of the State of California, Section 65401, requires that a local planning agency review a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the ensuing fiscal year for conformance with the local General Plan. This list of proposed projects is contained in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Public Works Department has submitted a CIP for fiscal year 2011/12. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing a CIP is to ensure the conformity of each project with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The benefits and funding source for individual projects listed in the CIP will then be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Staff has identified goals, objectives, and policies that are applicable to the CIP in the General Plan Conformance section of this staff report. Because the proposed projects further the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan, staff recommends the Planning Commission approve General Plan Conformance No. 11-002 finding that the proposed CIP is in conformance with the General Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Suggested Findings of Approval – GPC No. 11-002
2. Draft Planning Commission Resolution No. 1655

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 11-002

FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:

The Planning Commission finds that the proposed project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves information collection which does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 11-002:

1. The 2011/12 Capital Improvement Program conforms to the following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1655

DRAFT

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH FINDING THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 20011/2012
IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES,
AND POLICIES OF THE GENERAL PLAN
(GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 2011-002)**

WHEREAS, the Government Code of the State of California, Section 65401, provides that a local planning agency review a list of the proposed public works projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the ensuing fiscal year as to conformity with the local general plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted a coordinated list of all capital projects recommended by City departments for the ensuing fiscal year in the form of a Capital Improvement Projects List for Fiscal Year 2011/2012; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed a description of the capital improvement projects and submitted it to the Planning Commission for review on August 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, staff has indicated applicable General Plan goals, objectives, and policies for each project included in the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Capital Improvements Program to establish conformance with the General Plan (Exhibit A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington Beach finds the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of August 2011, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Scott Hess, Secretary

Planning Commission Chairperson

EXHIBIT A

PLANNED PROJECTS AND GENERAL PLAN POLICIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2011/2012 (GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 2011-01)

The following is a list of planned projects for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that requires General Plan Conformance. The list is divided into categories by subject. Below each project group is a listing of the relative General Plan policies.

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